

MEPA Parent Meeting  
May 26, 2020  
6:30pm via Zoom  
Last Parent Meeting of the year.

Called to order at 6:31pm  
Steve Rivero/Band Director leading meeting.  
103 parents were logged on to meeting as of 6:35pm

Franci Gargaro opened meeting— a great year! We'll have a shorter meeting than usual as we are doing less under COVID-19 restrictions.

Introduced new Board for 20-21 season:

President: Jeff Wolfe

VP: Judy Feldman

Guard Operations: Mimi Advani

Percussion Operations: Lauren Susman

Treasurer: Suzanne Liin

Assistant Treasurer: Miguel Russo

Recording Secretary: Tanna King

Corresponding Secretary: Laurie Leavy

Field Crew Co-ordinator: Karl Liin

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Catherine Walker

PR Co-ordinator: Georgia Garnecki

New parent meeting schedule as follows:

August 10, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec—NO MEETING, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, April 20, May 18.

All dates on calendar in Band App—generally the 3rd tuesday of the month, at 6:30pm in Chorus Room at MSD. Dates may change.

Calendar year is June 1st to May 31st.

London:

Still scheduled

all payments should be in July1/20—\$2223 total.

Currently 81 students and 46 non performers.

Absolute deadline is Oct 26/20

Please remember PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP

Financial Update:

Make sure your contact info is correct—make sure you're receiving statements.

we still have \$26, 000 in outstanding Fair Share.

Accounts for 2019-2020 need to be settle immediately for roll over into next year.

Please mail checks to:

MEPA

4613 N University Dr. # 366

Coral Springs FL 33067

or Zelle

to [stonemandouglassmepa@yahoo.com](mailto:stonemandouglassmepa@yahoo.com)

attention Kathy Sandidge if a name is required.

Budget for next season: projected budget (see power point and or doc with Jeff Wolfe) Total budget will be \$201,554.25

Student leadership has asked to be a bigger part of fundraising this year—this could be exciting!

We usually bring in \$75,000 annually from BB&T. Cautiously optimistic about what we can bring in this year since its all closed with no opening date.

Student fees will be \$850 this coming year with \$150 commitment fee and 4 payments of \$175 by September 10/2020. Payments can be made via check, zelle, paypal or square payments in person with a credit card.

Once back in school, payments can be left in band safe.

We will be forming committees in June for next years program.

Director's Report

Steve Rivero

Don't know next steps with the district yet—under COVID restrictions

Will share with us whatever he finds out.

As it stands we are not to have activities over the summer—county rule

July 20th band camp has been removed from the calendar.

We have not removed the Aug band camp yet—will adjust as we know.

Nothing planned in June or July

Music will be shared with students to work on in June and July

Max Schachter has made a large donation—\$25,000 to help us level up our program THANK YOU MAX!

If we can't hav a full functioning season we will curtail season's expenses and push the show to next year.

Pulled out of Tennessee

No other events have been removed from the calendar at this time.

Half of the music has already been written

Starting to work on drill design.

Going forward as though we are doing the show as usual at this time.

On thurs, May 28th freshman can come to MSD to pickup marching instruments to practice on over the summer—please see what instruments your student may need

Steve's Number: 305-506-5172

please feel free to contact him.

students are also encouraged to keep his number

For instruments—text Steve what instrument you need before reporting to school to be sure they have one for you.

Remember—need a mask and to go to band hallway doors in front staff parking lot.

Not collecting rental fees at this time—will be asked to log on to school payments later.

Over the summer—encourage your student to get outside and engage in core strengthening exercises to help them prepare for season.

Section chats have been working well to encourage new students and to help them learn marching and music skills.

Franci wanted to thank everyone who came to help clean up the MEPA office— no one had access for several weeks to clean up after the guard show.

Some tables were left behind after guard show—please contact Franci if they are yours

End of meeting 7:26pm